

WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE
SHIRLEY NAGANASHE OLDMAN MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

SECTION I. PURPOSE

This Shirley Naganashe Oldman Merit Scholarship Statute is hereby enacted to promote present and future generations of Waganakising Odawak to continue to obtain a post secondary education and strive for academic success. This Statute is named in the honor of Shirley Naganashe Oldman in recognition of her dedication in assisting Tribal Citizens to obtain their highest level of educational goals.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

- A. **“Accredited”** shall apply to those post secondary institutions of higher education that are accredited by an agency, organization or state agency recognized by the United States Department of Education as an accrediting agency (They are listed on the Department’s website).
- B. **“Citizen”** shall mean, for the purpose of this statute, a Member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.
- C. **“Grade Point Average”** means the Grade Point Average for the Academic Year.
- D. **“Semester equivalent”** shall mean a prorated amount based on a semester that is between 14 and 17 weeks long and will use 16 weeks as the basis for calculating equivalents. A 12 week quarter would count as 75% of a semester equivalent. Schools sometimes allow students to take longer than 16 weeks for a semester course, for such courses they shall be considered as one semester equivalent per credit. Graduate research credit will need to be addressed on a case by case basis.
- E. The **“Tribe”** or **“LTBB”** shall mean the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

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2 **SECTION III. APPLICATION**
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4 **A.** The program shall be administered by the Executive Branch.
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6 **B.** The program shall fund scholarships to Tribal Citizens attending:
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8 **1.** accredited post secondary institutions of higher education, colleges and
9 universities.
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11 **2.** Tribally controlled colleges that are seeking accreditation.
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13 **3.** Other colleges or programs approved by Tribal Resolution.
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15 **4.** Scholarships shall be administered in the following manner in accordance with
16 regulations approved by Tribal Council.
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18 **a.** The scholarships shall be calculated on a semester equivalent per credit
19 hour basis based on Grade Point Average.
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21 **b.** The limit and level of each scholarship shall be developed through
22 regulation as approved by Tribal Council.
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24 **C.** To be eligible for this scholarship the student must:
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26 **1.** Be an enrolled Citizen of the Tribe.
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28 **2.** Meet the Grade Point Average and regulation requirements.
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31 **SECTION IV. RESTRICTIONS**
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1 Students will not be funded for a course more than twice unless the student can prove they need
2 to take the class over to complete a degree requirement but shall be limited to three times.
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5 **SECTION V. REGULATIONS REQUIRED**

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7 **A.** The Executive shall develop regulations for this statute within 180 days of enactment of
8 this Statute; however, the implementation of the statute shall not be delayed by approval of
9 regulations.
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11 **B.** The regulations shall define the appeal process. Appeals authorized by this statute shall
12 be heard by the Education Commission until another body is appointed by statute, regulation, or
13 appropriate resolution.
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15 **C.** The regulations shall require the following minimum reports to Tribal Council that
16 contains the following information:
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- 18 **1.** Number of students with their Grade Point Average.
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- 20 **2.** Total dollar amount of scholarships for each period.
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- 22 **3.** Present scholarship rates and predicted rates needed to meet budget for the next
23 cycle.
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- 25 **4.** Graduations and type of degrees received.
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27 **D.** Publication required: the Executive shall publish the scholarship limits and levels for the
28 next scholarship cycle each academic year or more often as needed.
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31 **SECTION VI. APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED**

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1 This Merit Scholarship Statute shall be funded by the General Funds, or other funds as available
2 and appropriate, with a minimum budget of \$50,000.00 per LTBOI fiscal year.
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5 **SECTION VII. SEVERABILITY**
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7 If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or portion of this Statute is, for any reason,
8 held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a
9 separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining
10 portions thereof.
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13 **SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE**
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15 Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval which ever
16 comes first or if the Executive vetoes the legislation, then upon Tribal Council override of the veto.
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18 **CERTIFICATION**
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